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In short, we can credibly say there's valid questions about the security and reliability of Dominion's systems.

Important to note they are operating in a number of states, but not necessarily statewide.

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TOPLINES

Dominion Voting Systems

- Dominion Voting Systems is a private company originally founded in Canada, but which now has a significant U.S. presence
 - Dominion has headquarters in Colorado under the subsidiary Dominion Voter Systems, Inc.
- Dominion is reportedly 75% owned by private equity firm Staple Street Capital, 12% owned by its Co-Founder John Poulos, with the remainder owned by other members of the firm's leadership
 - Prior to its 2018 acquisition by Staple Street, the firm appears to have been 100% owned by its Canadian parent company, and in turn, that firm's leadership
- Dominion is the second largest provider of U.S. election systems
 - Dominion provides election hardware and software in 28 states and Puerto Rico

Foreign Ties/Concerns

- Dominion Voting Systems was originally a Canadian company, but now has substantial U.S. operations
- Dominion's CEO John Poulos has confirmed that parts of its voting systems are made in China, specifically citing LCD screens and small components like capacitors and resistors
- Dominion has used Serbian software developers, and at one point had an office in Serbia
- Dominion has been a vendor for elections in The Philippines and Mongolia

Political Ties/Connections

- Dominion employees have made less than \$1,300 in political contributions, but 93% of those contributions have gone to Democratic candidates or committees
- Dominion has retained lobbyists from Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, including a pair of former Democratic aides
 - Brownstein lobbyist Brian McKeon previously worked for the Obama campaign and as an aide to Sens. Jeanne Shaheen and Barbara Boxer
 - Brownstein lobbyist Nadaem Elshami is a former Chief of Staff to Nancy Pelosi

- In 2019, Brownstein lobbyists donated to Sen. Mitch McConnell as the Senate was set to consider legislation that would have negatively impacted Dominion and other large voting machine vendors; the legislation as ultimately sidelined
- Staple Street Capital board member William E. Kennard was the Obama Administration's Ambassador to the EU

Rumors/False Allegations

- Allegations connecting Dominion to Democrats and prominent liberals are based on some real connections, but have been overstated
 - George Soros does not own Dominion; Mark Malloch-Brown, who is connected to Soros, is the Chairman of Smartmatic, which previously worked with Dominion
 - Dominion donated between \$50,000 and \$100,000 to the Clinton Foundation, and was previously a part of a Clinton Foundation commitment to provide election equipment to developing countries
 - Nancy Pelosi's former Chief of Staff, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck lobbyist Nadeam Elshami, currently lobbies for Dominion
 - Blum Capital, the firm of Feinstein (D-CA)'s husband Richard Blum is a previous investor in software company Avid Technology which makes election software, but he does not have a "financial relationship" with Dominion
- A conspiracy theory claims secret computer programs called "hammer" and "scorecard" have been used to "steal" votes for Biden
 - Chris Krebs, the head of the U.S. Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, said that this theory was "nonsense"
 - The theory comes from information given by Dennis Montgomery, a former government contractor who allegedly 'conned' the Pentagon into paying millions of dollars for anti-terrorism technology that did not work
 - Associates of Sheriff Joe Arpaio say Montgomery defrauded them by claiming that the "Hammer" software program could show a federal judge was "colluding" against Arpaio
 - The theory also claims that a company named VR System siphoned votes in battleground states, but VR systems does not make vote-counting machines, and its software was not used in the battleground states were votes were allegedly "stolen"

Technical Failures In The 2020 Election

- Machines from Dominion Voting Systems did experience technical failures on election night, but these errors were reportedly fixed and did not lead to improper vote counts
- Antrim and Oakland Counties in Michigan counties saw tabulation mistakes that were reportedly the result of human error, and the totals were corrected
 - A third Michigan county – which was not using Dominion – also saw a tabulation error
- Georgia experienced problems on election morning with machines made by Knowlnc, a subcontractor of Dominion, in the counties of Morgan and Spalding, which prevented voters from casting ballots

- The technology glitch was allegedly due to a software upload the night before the election, but Dominion has disputed that
- Election officials extended voting hours and used paper ballots to work around the issue

Prior Instances Of Issues With Dominion's Machines

- In 2017 and 2019, hacking conferences were able to successfully hack and exploit vulnerabilities in Dominion voting equipment
- In 2013 and 2019, Texas twice rejected Dominion's voting machines due to both "multiple hardware and software issues," with an examiner saying the machines were "fragile and error prone"
- In Georgia's 2020 primary elections, Dominion voting machines saw numerous problems, with some being delivered late, some suffering power problems, and other failing to work
 - Dominion's electronic poll books "were plagued by freezing software and user error"
- Nevada's 2018 primary elections saw more than 300 reported errors from Dominion voting machines, including candidates being left off ballots in some instances
- In 2018, there were reports that Dominion voting machines had overheated in Palm Beach, Florida
- In 2012, Dominion voting machines in Florida awarded two Wellington Village council seats to losing candidates due to the machine being set up incorrectly

Potential Security & Vulnerability Issues

- Some Dominion voting machines include modems that could potentially connect to the internet, posing a hacking vulnerability
 - Dominion has modems in their vote tabulators and scanners
- The National Institute of Standards and Technology recommend that voting systems do not have wireless connections, since it makes it possible to connect them to external networks

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